

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) today announced a total of \$162,000 for road and dam upgrade projects, including enhanced energy efficiency measures, at Whitney Point Lake from the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill).

"I am glad to see that Recovery Bill funding is being used for operation and maintenance projects in Whitney Point," **Arcuri said**, "These funds will be used to ensure residents' safety in the future and allow for improved maintenance and control of safety and regulatory controls at Whitney Point Lake. Now more than ever our local communities need to get the resources they need to improve their infrastructure and provide for a better quality of life for all of us."

This funding is part of \$4.6 billion appropriated to the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Recovery Bill for the Corps' Civil Works program. Recovery Bill funding is being distributed to reinvigorate the economy, create jobs and improve infrastructure across the country and will continue to be distributed in the future for projects around New York State.

Recovery Bill Army Corps of Engineers Funding Announced by Arcuri for Whitney Point Lake:

- \$50,000 to pave roads to allow personnel to access and maintain the dam, which will result in decreased maintenance costs.
- \$40,000 to construct roads to allow easier access to personnel to maintain intake control tower.
- \$45,000 to replace equipment used to maintain project roads and dam embankment. This will result in decreased annual maintenance costs.
- \$20,000 to replace furnace intake control tower which will improve energy efficiency.
- \$7,000 to replace a tank which stores fuel to run energy generator which provides operators with the ability to control flood gates during power outage.

These funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill) which Arcuri voted for in February.

###